FINNEGAN
HENDERSON
FARABOW
GARRETT &
DUNNER LLP

901 New York Avenue, NW ■ Washington, DC 20001-4413 ■ 202.408.4000 ■ Fax 202.408.4400
www.finnegan.com

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL

TO

Name: Examiner Thuy Dao
Company: U. S. Patent and Trademark Office
Fax Number: **571-273-8570**
Subject: Application No. 10/676,825

Date: October 2, 2008
Total Pages (including cover): 3
Confirmation Copy to Follow: No

FROM

Name: Steven Thomas
Phone Number: 202-408-4112

Verified by: W. Richards MD 830B
Our File No.: 09700.0046-00000

MESSAGE

Please see attached.

Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/676,825 Attorney Docket No. 09700.0046-00

First Named Applicant: Reiner HAMMERICH Examiner: Dao, T.
Status of Application: Rejected Group Art Unit: 2192

Tentative Participants:

(1) Steve Thomas (202.408.4112); (2) Philip Hoffmann (202.408.4398); (3) Thuy Dao

Proposed Date of Interview: October 9, 2008 **Scheduled Time:** 2:00 PM

Type of Interview Requested: ☒ Telephonic
☐ Personal
☐ Video Conference

Exhibit to be Shown or Demonstrated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide brief description:

Issues to be Discussed

Issues (Rej.)	Claims	Reference	Agreed	Not Agreed
1. 102	See below	*Walker*	☐	☐

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented: Applicants would like to discuss the possibility of amending the independent claims as set forth on the attached proposal. Proposed amended claim 1 recites "validating the meta-language description by validating the syntax of the meta-language definition module and the meta-language implementation module."

Walker discloses an "XmlReaderWriter Interface" that the Advisory Action relies on as allegedly corresponding to the claimed "meta-language ... definition module" (See Advisory Action at p. 2, citing *Walker*, FIG. 4, block 410-420). This is incorrect. *Walker* clearly discloses that the XmlReaderWriter interface is a Java interface and even provides an exemplary interface definition which is clearly written in Java code (Walker, ¶ 38).

Thus, *Walker's* XmlReaderWriter interface is written in Java, and not a "meta-language." *Walker* fails to disclose a meta-language definition module used with a meta-language implementation module. For this reason, *Walker* also fails to disclose or suggest "validating the meta-language description by validating the syntax of the meta-language definition module and the meta-language implementation module," as recited by proposed independent claim 1.

During the interview, Applicants would also like to discuss dependent claims 22, 23, and 25.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on: _____.

Note: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the Examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01). This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR § 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Philip J. Hoffmann, Reg. No. 46,340 Examiner/SPE Signature

FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY:

1. A method for validating programs, the method comprising:

receiving a meta-language description of a computer program, the meta-language description comprising a definition module and an implementation module, the implementation module defining a first class to be implemented by the program and the definition module defining a first interface associated with the class;

validating the meta-language description by validating the syntax of the meta-language definition module and the meta-language implementation module;

generating a language-dependent program from the meta-language description, the language-dependent program comprising the first interface and the first class; and

performing usage and semantic checks by compiling the generated first interface and the generated first class.